

United States national security requests for user information

A variety of laws allow government agencies around the world to request user information for civil, administrative, criminal, and national security purposes. We separately report requests from US authorities using national security laws because these laws restrict how much information companies like us are allowed to share, and when we are allowed to share it. In cases of national security, the US government can use the **Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)** to request non-content and content information, and use **National Security Letters (NSLs)** to request limited information about a user’s identity.

Non-content requests under FISA

A FISA request can include non-content metadata—for example, the "from" and "to" fields in an email header and the IP addresses associated with a particular account.

Reporting period	Number of requests	Nur
Jul 2020 – Dec 2020	Data subject to six month reporting delay	Dat
Jan 2020 – Jun 2020	0 – 499	220
Jul 2019 – Dec 2019	0 – 499	300
Jan 2019 – Jun 2019	0 – 499	285
Jul 2018 – Dec 2018	0 – 499	230
Jan 2018 – Jun 2018	0 – 499	220
Jul 2017 – Dec 2017	0 – 499	160
Jan 2017 – Jun 2017	0 – 499	120
Jul 2016 – Dec 2016	0 – 499	700
Jan 2016 – Jun 2016	0 – 499	200